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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 23, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN J. DUNCAN, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Brian Bohlman, The Harvest Church, Lexington, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, we assemble today with humility in our hearts as we ask for Your blessing upon the affairs of this House.

We also remember the words of President Lincoln, when he said: "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

So, Lord, we thank You, that when we lack wisdom and strength, that You give generously to all who ask without finding fault.

May our elected officials and leaders work together towards the common interests of the American people. May they act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.

Lord, we also ask for Your protection over our servicemembers and families, both abroad and at home. Strengthen them when they are weary, increase their power when weak.

Continue to bless our Nation and the work of this House. For your honor and glory, O Lord, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. TROTT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TROTT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING CHAPLAIN BRIAN BOHLMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize a

constituent, Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Brian Bohlman, as our guest chaplain today.

Chaplain Bohlman, a native of Bel Air, Maryland, now resides in West Columbia, South Carolina. Lieutenant Colonel Bohlman is a dedicated member of the South Carolina Air National Guard.

After enlisting in the Air Force in 1992, he faithfully served in the Air Force and Air Force Reserves before joining the South Carolina Air National Guard. On Active Duty, Chaplain Bohlman provided ministry at home and abroad during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

He is the author of "So Help Me God," which is a historical review of the oath of the military office, and "For God and Country," which discusses the call for military chaplaincy.

In recognition of his service and pastoral care, Chaplain Bohlman was awarded the Samuel Stone Award as the Air National Guard Chaplain of the Year in 2013, a well-deserved honor.

Chaplain Bohlman is also the founder and director of Operation Thank You, a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring our servicemembers and military families.

As a 28-year veteran of the National Guard and grateful parent of three members currently serving in the Guard, I know firsthand of Chaplain Bohlman's dedicated service.

I am grateful to welcome Chaplain Brian Bohlman, his wife, Shelley, and his daughter, Mary Ellen, to the Capitol today.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five further

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